

The Ship's Mail

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Commander Optimistic for 2007-08

by Cdr Edward C. ("Ted") Bowler, AP

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to be Commander of the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron for the year 2007.

I am following a long list of outstanding past commanders who have made the San Diego Squadron into the wonderful organization it is today. They have set the standard high and I will endeavor to maintain the course to a bigger, better and more successful organization.

I cannot accomplish anything without the help of every squadron member, Committee leaders and Executive Committee. I am extremely happy with the Bridge that has been assembled. Nancy Renzi, Executive Officer, Mike Fontaine, Educational Officer, Mike Collins, Administrative Officer, Diann Christensen, Secretary and Claudia Bowler, Treasurer. It is a wonderful mix of experienced and fairly new and enthusiastic members. I am looking forward to a terrific year.

The Executive Committee and I have set numerous goals. Among these are the five paramount objectives:

1. Continue to expand the membership
2. Maintain existing membership
3. Create a new position—"Membership Retention"
4. Teach all educational courses and begin USPS University by teaching two "University" courses (Taking these courses can lead to the Merchant Marine Captains License).
5. Develop and expand our "Advertising" and "Public Relations" within the San Diego community.

All these things cannot be accomplished without-
COMMUNICATION, COMMUNICATION and COMMUNICATION!



The Bowlers at the USPS Change of Watch dinner.

SDSPS Members Attend U.S.P.S. Annual Meeting

The U.S.P.S. Annual Meeting was held on February 21-24 in Jacksonville, FL. Cdr Edward Bowler, AP, and Lt/C Claudia Bowler, AP, our commander and treasurer, were among the attendees, along with several other members serving in national positions, including R/C Chester G. White, Jr. [Ch/Planned Giving Com], P/R/C Edwin Mraz, SN [Nat'l Planning Com] and Pauline Mraz, P and D/Lt/C Katharine Law, SN [Governing Board member].

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Education Department Report

by Lt/C Mike Fontaine, AP, SEO

The Education year has started out well with the public **BOATING** class taught by the Carlins, **CRUISE PLANNING** taught by the Bowlers and **ADVANCED PILOTING** continuing, taught by Mike Sampsel and Shelley Bakalis. **SEAMANSHIP** will be taught by Ken Glaze beginning March 7.

The **SEAMANSHIP** book has been rewritten going back to one session eliminating the 101/102 concept.

MARINE ELECTRONICS, ENGINE MAINTENANCE, JUNIOR NAVIGATION and **NAVIGATION** have not been scheduled pending release of new student manuals for these classes. The new books are scheduled to be available the first quarter of 2007. Classes will then be scheduled. The class schedule is available online at the SDSPS website.



HAVE YOU BEEN SLIGHTED BY YOUR SAN DIEGO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON????

Have you not been sworn in as a member of the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron? Have you not received your Official Membership Certificate? Membership Pin? Official Membership Decal? Membership Name Tag? Your bimonthly newsletter The Ship's Mail? Your well deserved Merit Mark? Senior Membership Award? Life Membership Award? Invitation to join the Sail Fleet? Invitation to participate in the Predicted Log Races? Invitation to just "ride along" in the Sail Fleet, or Predicted Log Races? Invitation to the General Membership Meetings with important speakers? Invitation to the "Meet the New Commander" social and pot luck? Are you not receiving regular e-mails of squadron activities, or some other honor?

**WE ARE TRULY SORRY!
WE AIM TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION.**

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The Ship's Mail is available in color on the squadron website: www.sdsp.org.

Attention, Prospective HAM Operators!

[Submitted by Ted Bowler]

It is official! On 23 February 2007, the five words per minute (wpm) Morse Code requirement disappeared. To increase interest in ham radio and communication technology, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that the heretofore requirement for establishing operator proficiency in Morse Code will no longer be required to obtain an amateur radio license.

Now to acquire an entry-level *Technician Class License*, applicants will only need to study for and take a 35-question exam, and to answer at least 74 percent of the questions correctly. The **General Class License** can be obtained by taking another 35 question exam. Finally, the **Extra Class License** can be achieved by taking a 50 question exam.

This is great news for long distance cruisers. Now by simply studying and passing a couple of written tests, you can have access to worldwide voice communications on amateur band radio frequencies. For further information on HAM license testing in the San Diego County area, you may want to check out the website for the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council at <http://www.sandarc.net/>.

Nautical Terminology, by Ye Olde Salt

One of occasional definitions or derivations of a nautical term by an SDSPS member known only as "Ye Olde Salt."

This issue's phrase is "..... squared away"

Used in reference to a person who is properly dressed, neat and trim in appearance, or who has correctly and properly finished a task and is ready for the next task. A term from the old square rig sailing days and attributed to a vessel with her yards braced so vessel was said to run "squarely" ahead of the wind.

The Ship's Store

Logo Items for Sale

SDSPS Burgee (with 50 th anniversary gold braid)	\$26.00
Hats (navy blue, tan, grey)	\$12.00
Men's Pique Knit Sport Shirt (M-XXL navy blue, hunter green, light blue)	\$28.00
Women's Pique Knit Sport Shirt (S-XXL light blue, pink)	\$26.00
Sweatshirt ¼ zipper style with collar (Men's S-XXL) grey or navy blue	\$32.00
Polar Fleece Vest with full zipper	\$35.00
SDPS T-shirts <i>Discounted to sell</i> (XL only)	\$10.00
SDSPS mugs (Memento from CoW)	\$5.00

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Members Attend U.S.P.S. Meeting

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Chief Commander Ernie Marshburn and the National Bridge were sworn in on Saturday night for the coming year. A good time was had by all.



P/R/C Edwin Mraz, SN [Nat'l Planning Com] and Pauline Mraz, P, watched the swearing in.

28th Annual
DAY AT THE DOCKS
Port Of San Diego

On Sunday, 22 April 2007, the San Diego squadron will again have a booth at the S.D. Sportfishing Council's annual "Day at the Docks." This is always a wonderful chance to get out and spread the word to the public about our classes, programs and other activities.

There will be boat dealers, marine and fishing related products and service providers, artists, tackle manufacturers and retailers, food vendors and musicians, all enjoying a day in the warm spring sun.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help SDSPS on that date, contact P/C Shaun McArdle, AP, our Boat Show Chairman, at 619-887-0104 or send him an e-mail at ShaunMcA@aol.com. A sign-up sheet will also be posted on the website, www.sdsps.org, several weeks before the event.

Note to New Members: This is a chance to get to know some of your fellow squadron members and have fun with a bunch of other boaters! We hope you'll join us.

D28 Spring Conference To Be Held in San Diego

2-3 March 2007

Do you ever wonder what goes on at the USPS regional conferences? This year, the District 28 Spring Conference will be held in San Diego at the Holiday Inn/Bayside, 4878 North Harbor Drive, on Saturday, March 3rd, and will be hosted by SPSDS members. We will be joined by USPS members from the four other squadrons in Arizona and Southern California, who will gather beginning at 1800 for a Friday evening "Social" at the home of R/C Chester G. White, Jr. for a "greet and eat." Come and join the party!

A cooperative charting event will be held at 0630 on Saturday morning (meet at Denny's, Rosecrans Street). The conference convenes at 0900 and features a brief program by Stf/C Dana McRae, of the National Membership Committee, and an explanation of "How to Navigate the USPS DB 2000 Database" by Stf/C Bob Schloeman, of the Phoenix Squadron. R/C Allan Lakin, Ch/Rules Committee, will represent the Chief Commander.

A District formal "Change of Watch" dinner-dance will feature the swearing in of the new District bridge, and will be followed by a raffle of swell prizes, including a week's vacation at a house in Boothbay Harbor, ME.

18 New Members from January Boating Class

The January Boating Class, taught by 1st/Lts Dan and Trish Carlin, has been completed and 21 people took the final test on Wednesday, 21 February. Of those who passed, 18 students have joined the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron. Thanks to Dan and Trish, and more thanks to Membership Chairman, John Isaksen and his crew, who interviewed the successful test-takers and signed them up.

Welcome Aboard!

Philip G. Bohart
 Bradford J. Boswell
 Douglas J. Burgess
 Josh Cohane
 Ryan F. Dexter
 Dana E. Dodds

H. T. Green
 Jens Hedegaard
 Barry E. Johnson
 Kathleen M. Johnson
 Elizabeth Pokerwinski
 Jerry I. Pokerwinski

Zeferino N. Rincon
 David W. Sheffield
 Richard Allan Smith
 Scott E. Walters
 Sunshine Weiss
 Whitney Wright

SDSPS CALENDAR – Mar/Apr/May 2007

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Contact</u>
March			
Fri/02-Sat/03	District 28 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn/Bayside	Katie Law
Tues/06 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Wed/07 1900	Seamanship Course begins	Southwestern YC	Mike Fontaine
Fri/09 1900	General Members' Meeting	Southwestern YC	Mike Collins
Sat/10	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Harbor	Don Litzenberg
Sat/17	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	SWYC	Dave Weimer
Weds/07-25	Boat Smart classes [4 Wednesdays]	SWYC	Ed Mraz
Wed/07	Seamanship begins [13 Wednesdays]	SWYC	Ken Glaze
April			
Tues/03 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Fri-Sun/6-8	D/28 Inland Rendezvous	Katherine Landing, AZ	Katie Law
Sat/07	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Harbor	Don Litzenberg
Tues/10	Sail classes begin [9 Tuesdays]	Instructor's home	Tom Stanford
Sat/14	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	SDYC	Dave Weimer
Sat/21	Operations Training "OT" Seminar	SWYC	Katie Law
Sun/22	Day@the Docks	Sport Fishing Landing	Shaun McArdle
May			
Tues/08 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Fri/11 1900	General Members' Meeting	<i>See next issue of Ship's Mail</i>	Mike Collins
Sat/12	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Harbor	Don Litzenberg
Sat/19	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	CCYC	Dave Weimer

February Sail Fleet

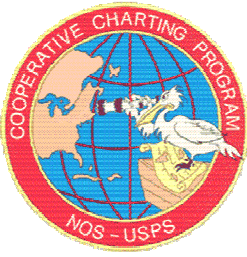
by Lt/C Don Litzenberg, AP

2006 has been a great year for the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron Sail Fleet. Only one race was cancelled due to weather. (I think it rained that day.) But in the last race of the year, **Mike Collins** and crew on Marilee sailed merrily away from the fleet to take first place both in first over the finish line and on handicap.

But sweet consistency pays off! **Ted Umland** and crew on Julieta took the Gold on cumulative points for the year! Julieta raced in all nine races for the year and, with Ted's careful coaching, his crew chalked up one 1st place, five 2nd places, two 3rds, and one 4th to finish with 20.75 cumulative points. **Dave Baer** on Casamar garnered Silver with 25.75 cumulative points and **Mike Collins** captured the Bronze with 27 cumulative points.

Well done all! Let's get more boats out racing in 2007!

San Diego Sail Fleet Results for November 2006 Regatta											
Boat		Sail	Dis- tance	Finish	Elapsed				Race	Cum	New
Name	Skipper	#	NM	Time	Time	Handi- cap	Delta	Position	Points	Points	Handi- cap
Julieta	Ted Umland	5027	10.00	14:29:45	2:29:45	811	23.37	2	2	20.75	815
Casamar	Dave Baer	57789	10.00	14:29:29	2:29:29	800	24.97	3	3	25.75	793
His Knot Hers	John Isaksen	3028	10.00	14:28:48	2:28:48	782	27.25	4	4	39	809
Fiddler's Green	Ed Bowler	0	0.00	0:00:00	dns	892	dns	0	5	41.75	930
Jandon	Don Litzenberg	7266	0.00	0:00:00	dns	728	dns	0	5	28.5	743
Marilee	Mike Collins	7473	10.00	14:08:40	2:08:36	824	0.00	1	0.75	27	839



THE USPS - NOS/NOAA COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM

The Cooperative Charting Program of United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close cooperation with the Marine Chart Division, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The program is a major public service of USPS through which members supply information to the Marine Chart Division of NOS/NOAA leading to corrections to nautical charts, small craft charts, and Coast Pilots.

Members also supply data on depth surveys, range status, geodetic marks, and (formerly but no longer) aeronautical charts. The Adopt-A-Chart sub-program enables local squadrons to help update charts in their location and get recognition on new editions for their work. The Cooperative Charting Program is recognized as among the most effective user-participation program in all of federal agencies.

Cooperative Charting - A History of Service

Congress first appropriated funds in 1807 for Thomas Jefferson to have the nation's coastline surveyed and charted. That original project formed the basis for the US Coast and Geodetic Survey (USC&G) which later became the National Ocean Service (NOS), a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

NOS/NOAA provides over 1,000 specially designed nautical charts for commerce and the recreational boater. Since 1963, USPS members have joined USC&GS in "cooperative charting" by submitting nautical chart reports with suggested revisions. This joint venture has expanded over the years to include reports for small craft charts and the Coast Pilot publications. USPS also submits information on geodetic survey marks to the US Army Corps of Engineers, which supplements their satellite information. (In case you don't know, "geodetic survey marks" are small discs embedded in concrete or mounted on posts which are used, among other things, to survey your property lines and for satellite positioning.

Since 2003, coop charting reports have been submitted through the NOS website, enabling the rapid dissemination of downloadable updated charts and Notices to Mariners. In 2002 (latest year of available statistics), USPS members submitted 11,387 nautical chart reports, and 12,797 reports on geodetic marks. By their participation, USPS members provide a major public service, fulfilling one of the legs of our triangle. Accurate nautical charts insure that our coastlines and rivers are safe for boating.

Would you like to participate in a "Coop Charting" event? Join fellow SDSPS members in a "treasure hunt" for geodetic marks on Saturday, March 3rd, at 0630 (yawn!) by showing up for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant on Rosecrans St. at Jarvis St. We'll be finished by about 9 am, in time to get to the District Conference meeting promptly.



Back From Baja



(Suviendo de Baja)

(Tour Baja While You Work)

Join us at our next **General Meeting** (Friday, March 9) beginning at 6 pm for a **steak and seafood fiesta buffet** at the Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Qualtrough St, SD) and experience visiting ports-of-call in Baja and the Sea of Cortez.

An entertaining (bi-lingual) video shows La Paz, Cabo San Lucas, Turtle Bay, and Ensenada from the decks of the *Marilee* by SDSPS member, Michael Collins.

Hey, you can do this! Why wait until retirement? This night will give you a taste of what is possible, working around a job, fitting in a six-month trip of a life time on a budget that works---less money than a charter to Tahiti or the Caribbean. You could be planning your departure as early as this November!

Your membership in Power Squadron will help you prepare yourself and your boat, find quality crew members, plan the cruise, and get started on your adventure in Baja. Or, help you seek a berth with a departing SDSPS member's boat.

Come join the fun and bring a friend. This promises to be fresh thinking and entertaining.

No host cocktails: 1800 (6:00 pm)

Dinner: 1830 (6:30 pm)

Brief meeting: 1915 (7:15 pm)

Program: 1930 (7:30 pm)

Cost: \$20 [pay at the door by cash or check]

RSVP by 12 noon on Thursday, March 8th for Reservations:
Administrative Officer, Lt/C Michael Collins, AP at
ao@sdsps.org or **619 440-4038**

U.S. Coast Guard Safety Initiative Puts “You in Command.”

By P/C Richard Gaffney, AP
Squadron Safety Officer

The U.S. Coast Guard’s public boating safety outreach, “You’re in Command”, encourages all recreational boaters to take responsibility for their own actions on the water. The new “*You’re In Command*” campaign challenges boaters to achieve a higher level of safety.

USCG-sponsored research found that most boaters believe they are safe enough already. Boaters equate “boating safety” with equipment – life jackets, fire extinguishers, and radios – and forget that safety is really a matter of personal behavior and attitudes. This program reminds boaters of their own responsibilities.

As a boat owner or operator, you are responsible for your safety

and the safety of your passengers. That’s why we say: **“You’re in Command. Boat Responsibly!”**

The Facts

The 2003 USCG Accident Report [the Coast Guard’s most recent boating-related accident statistics] shows that recreational boating fatalities were down 6 percent from the previous year, continuing a 12-year downward trend. The 13 million registered boats in 2003 represent 2 million more registered boats on America’s waterways than 12 years ago.

The report also reveals:

- * 703 fatalities, 3,888 injuries, and nearly \$40.5 million in property damage.
- * 86 percent of drowning victims were not wearing life jackets.
- * Alcohol was involved in nearly 40 percent of all boating fatalities.

* About 80 percent of all boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not completed a boating safety education course.

The most reported types of accidents are collisions with other vessels. However, capsizing and falls overboard are the most reported types of *fatal accidents*, which account for over half of all boating fatalities.

Overall, operator inattention, carelessness, reckless operation, operator inexperience, and excessive speed are the leading contributing factors of all reported accidents.

Recreational boating accidents are particularly tragic because the great majority of accidents are preventable! So remember:

“You’re in Command. Boat Responsibly!”

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Seminar

[USPS Organization]

Saturday, 21 Apr 07

[Details on P. 5]

**Come and learn how
your club operates.**